(b) to which places it will be supplying electricity; and

(c) what will be the charge per unit current if it is for lighting and other household purposes, and what will be the cost if it is for mills or for agricultural purposes?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) It is not possible to furnish the information asked for, as the scheme has not yet been submitted to Government for consideration. The details are being worked out by the Chief Engineer for Electricity.

Contract with a private company for the supply of electricity to Villupuram and Cuddalore.

* 369 Q.—Mr. M. B. Rangaswami Reddi: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that contract has been given to a private company for the supply of electricity to Villupuram and Cuddalore, and if so, why such permission was given;

(b) whether any survey for electricity is being carried on between Mettur and Madras;

(c) if so, when it will be completed;

(d) whether electricity will be supplied to the Madras City after the completion of the survey; and

(e) if the answer to clause (d) is in the affirmative, what the probable cost per unit of current consumed at Madras will be?

A.—(a) A licence to supply electric energy in the taluks of Cuddalore, Chidambaram and Villupuram has been granted to the South Arcot Electric Distribution Company, Ltd. The licence was given on the application of the company in accordance with the provisions of the Indian Electricity Act and the rules framed under it.

(b) & (c) A survey of the route of the transmission line from Mettur to Madras (197 miles) was completed in the year 1932–33.

(d) The supply to Madras City cannot be made on the completion of the mere survey.

(e) It is not possible now to state what the cost per unit of hydro-electric power will be when it becomes possible to make it available in 'Madras.'

Forests

Withdrawal of forest concessions in South Kanara.

* 370 Q.—Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) what the peculiar privileges which had been conceded to the cultivators of South Kanara in respect of their neighbouring reserve forests were and when they had been granted;